



IDFL Calendar

- December 7–10, China Int'l Down Fair **Xiaoshan** – Market Reports, Seminars, Tours of **IDFL China**
- January 9-12, Heimtextil Expo in **Germany**
- January 23-26, Outdoor Retailer Show, **Salt Lake**
- January, IDFL Seminar Dorthe Hansen Centre, Oslo, **Norway**

Contact info@idfl.com for more details.

Sterilization FAQ's

What is sterilization?

Sterilization is the process of steam treating natural fills such as wool and feather/down to kill residual organic matter.

Where is sterilization required?

Europe requires a sterilization process and the USA requires a sterilization permit. Sterilization is expected in other countries and is tested by oxygen and/or bioburden tests.

Who needs a sterilization permit?

Any factory that washes raw down and feathers for export to be sold in USA products requires a sterilization permit.

What is the difference between a USA sterilization permit and a bedding manufacturing permit?

A sterilization permit certifies that a factory's equipment and processes comply with USA laws for washing & sterilizing raw down and feathers. Bedding permits are required to sell or import bedding products in certain states/provinces.

Which states & provinces require bedding permits?

15 USA States and 3 Canada provinces require bedding permits for any company selling filled-textiles in their state or province. Call IDFL for details.

Can IDFL help me obtain these permits?

Yes, IDFL can help with these permits. Please contact IDFL for a first time application or renewal. Sterilization and bedding sale permits are valid for 1 year.

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DWR Testing – Update on Global Standards

IDFL has proposed a global standard for DWR testing. The standard includes a 4-test package of DWR performance tests plus standard down & feather core tests comparing treated and untreated down.

Please contact IDFL for details.

Traceability Update

European Report. EDFA has adopted traceability and audit standards for European manufacturers

Outdoor Industry. The jacket/sleeping bag industry in both Europe and North America have organized groups to propose standards for ethical sourcing of raw materials and standards for traceability and audits.

Announcing IDFL's Downright QA Program

IDFL has developed a new system to help buyers build successful quality assurance programs.

- Developing enforceable product specifications
- Choosing the right global standard
- Organizing a cost-effective testing program
- Organizing good on-site product inspections
- **Contact IDFL for details.**

IDFL Taiwan Lab celebrates 1st Anniversary

The Taiwan lab in Taipei has processed more than 500 samples during the first year of operation. Downproof and other fabric testing has been added to the original down and feather laboratory.

On-site Product Inspections

IDFL continues to expand its onsite product inspection service. We offer this service for both bedding and apparel products.